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Application No.: 10/509,879) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: October 4, 2004)
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For: MOORING OF A FLOATABLE)
UNIT TO A VESSEL SIDE)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

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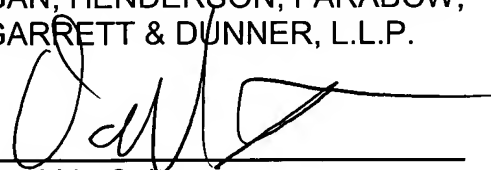
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Respectfully submitted,

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